

Blast injures 2 Israelis in Sidon

BEIRUT (R) — A remote-controlled bomb exploded near a passing Israeli army truck south of Sidon Friday, but there were no casualties, an Israeli military spokesman said. Eyewitnesses in the South Lebanese port reported seeing two Israeli soldiers injured in the blast. The spokesman said army investigations showed that neither soldiers nor civilians were hurt. The explosion was the first reported attack on Israeli occupation troops in Sidon, a former stronghold of Palestinian commandos before last June's invasion, for over two weeks.

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Largest Soviet ship to visit Aqaba

AMMAN (J.T.I) — The largest vessel in the Soviet passenger fleet will arrive in the port of Aqaba Sunday, Mar. 13th. The 800-berth "Maxim Gorky", which is owned by the Black Sea Shipping Company, will put ashore in Jordan to enable its passengers to view some of the country's historic monuments, particularly the ancient city of Petra. During the visit the Soviet ambassador, Mr. Rafik Nishanov, will visit the turbo electrically powered ship, where he will hold a reception in honour of senior ranking Jordanian officials. The vessel will also be open to visits from members of the general public while in port.

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King Hussein Bridge to open Sunday

AMMAN (Petra) — The Public Security Directorate announced Friday that the King Hussein Bridge has become fit for travel. Therefore, those willing to travel to the West Bank may proceed to the bridge on Sunday, Mar. 13.

Israeli soldiers kill Lebanese youth

TEL AVIV (R) — Israeli soldiers Friday shot dead a Lebanese youth who tried to escape after being arrested in Lebanon, the army spokesman said Friday night. The youth was arrested on suspicion of being linked with a Palestinian commando organisation, military sources said. Where the incident happened was not disclosed.

Israelis demonstrate against government

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — More than 500 Israelis demonstrated here on Thursday night against their government's involvement in Lebanon and its policy of building Jewish settlements in the occupied West Bank. Bystanders jeered the demonstrators and shouted pro-government slogans, but police formed a cordon around the marchers and forced onlookers to keep back. Police said it was one of their biggest operations for years. Hundreds of reinforcements were brought in from other towns and special riot control units stood by. The march had originally been banned on the grounds that it posed too great a security problem. But the organisers appealed to the supreme court, which ordered the police to allow the demonstration to go ahead.

Jumblatt calls for more than withdrawal

BEIRUT (R) — Leftist leader Walid Jumblatt said Thursday the removal of foreign forces from Lebanon was not enough to prevent a new civil war. "It is not enough to think of withdrawals of all foreign armies," he told a news conference at his west Beirut apartment in his first public appearance here for several months. The Beirut government is seeking the pullout of Israeli, Syrian and Palestinian forces, but Mr. Jumblatt said there was still no compromise between Lebanon's own factions. Mr. Jumblatt called for the abolition of the sectarian character of the Lebanese state in favour of a national charter.

Carter meets Gaza leader

TEL AVIV (R) — Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter met Palestinian leaders in the Gaza Strip Thursday as his visit continued to fuel hopes in Israeli-occupied territories. Mr. Carter's meeting on Wednesday with Bethlehem's Mayor Elias Freij sparked the fiercest protest in months by Palestinian nationalists. They condemn Mr. Carter because the Camp David peace accords which he helped mastermind in 1979 failed to grant the Palestinians independence. The former president Thursday met former Gaza Mayor Rashid Al Shawa, a Palestinian moderate who was dismissed by the Israelis last year for refusing to cooperate with occupation authorities. Mr. Carter made no comment after their talks.

Summit urges Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon
Non-aligned summit calls for Palestinian state

NEW DELHI (R) — The non-aligned summit Friday night ignored President Reagan's Middle East peace plan and stated their full support for Arab proposals calling for an independent Palestinian state.

A declaration by the 101-member Non-Aligned Movement, which was due to be adopted at a final summit session Friday night, strongly condemned Israel and criticised U.S. Middle East policy. It asked the "international community" to set up a war crimes tribunal "to try Israel under International Law for the crimes committed against the Palestinian people" since the Jewish state was founded in 1948.

This included the massacre by rightist Lebanese Christian militiamen of hundreds of Palestinian refugees in Beirut refugee camps last year.

The summit accused Washington of violating its commitment to guarantee the safety of Palestinian refugees after the withdrawal of Palestinian forces from Lebanon in the wake of Israel's June invasion. It demanded a total and unconditional Israeli withdrawal from all Palestinian and other Arab territories occupied since the 1967 Middle East war, including Jerusalem.

The declaration did not mention President Reagan's peace plan, announced last Sept. 1, which called for a Palestinian entity in association with Jordan in the Israeli-held West Bank and Gaza Strip.

It backed an Arab plan worked out at Fez, Morocco, two weeks later which called for a Palestinian state and implied Arab recognition of Israel.

Nations Security Council meeting to consider action to achieve early independence for South African-ruled Namibia (South West Africa).

It accused the United States of pursuing the "extraneous issue" of a withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola, which Washington and Pretoria have made a condition for Namibian independence.

The summit called for the withdrawal of all foreign forces in Kampuchea, without naming Vietnam, and urged all states in the region to settle their differences through talks.

After bitter argument, non-aligned foreign ministers decided last week to leave Kampuchea's disputed seat in the movement vacant.

The summit declaration also avoided mentioning the Soviet Union by name in its resolution on Afghanistan, where Soviet forces intervened in 1979 just before a coup which installed a pro-Moscow government.

It called for a political settlement in Afghanistan on the basis of withdrawal of all foreign forces and the right of almost four million Afghan refugees in Pakistan and Iran to return home safely.

The summit said it supported "constructive steps" towards a political settlement by United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

A.U.N. envoy is conducting indirect talks between Pakistan and Afghanistan. A new round is due in Geneva next month.

Non-aligned leaders urged Moscow and Washington to keep East-West disputes out of Central America.



His Majesty King Hussein Friday chats with His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan upon the King's arrival from the non-aligned summit in New Delhi. Prince Mohammad (right) was at hand to greet the King upon his return. (Petru photo)

King returns from summit

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein returned home Friday after heading the Jordanian delegation to the seventh non-aligned summit conference which opened in New Delhi on Mar. 7. King Hussein addressed the summit's opening session on behalf of the Asian group and delivered Jordan's speech on the second day of the summit.

The King was met at Amman Airport by His Highness Prince Mohammad, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the speaker of the National Consultative Council, the speaker of the Upper

House of Parliament, the chief chamberlain, the commander-in-chief of the Armed Forces, ministers, and high-ranking officials.

The prime minister, the Royal Court chief, the court minister, and the information minister also returned home with the King.

On his way home from New Delhi, the King made a brief stopover in Bahrain.

On Thursday, the King met in New Delhi with the vice president of Nigeria, the president of Liberia, the president of Algeria, the president of the Democratic Republic of Yemen, and the president

of the Arab Republic of Yemen.

The meetings were part of the King's efforts to coordinate the positions of the member states on the topics listed on the summit's agenda, particularly the Palestinian issue, the Iran-Iraq war, and the Israeli occupation of Lebanon.

The King asserted during these meetings that the Iran-Iraq war should be ended on the basis of justice, reason and good neighbourliness. He also asserted that Israel should immediately withdraw from all Lebanese territories.

Greek-U.S. talks reach deadlock

ATHENS (R) — Greece and the United States have reached an impasse in talks on the amount of military aid Athens should receive in return for allowing the U.S. maintain bases in Greece, informed sources said Friday.

Greek negotiator Yannis Kapsis and State Department official Reginald Bartholomew met Thursday night but no date was set for a resumption of the negotiations, the sources said.

The latest round in the five-month-old talks began last Monday, when Mr. Bartholomew returned from consultations in Washington on Greek demands for increased military assistance.

In return for the bases—two on Crete, two in Attica near Athens and a number of smaller installations elsewhere—Greece wants \$1 billion in aid to modernise its armed forces, and particularly to buy early warning systems to monitor planes entering its Aegean airspace, the sources said.

Greece is eager to maintain the balance of power between itself and Turkey, with which it is at odds over Cyprus and territorial rights in the Aegean.

Greece is said to have insisted that the level of military assistance should be fixed before it signs an agreement on the bases while the United States has insisted on the reverse.

The Socialist government of Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu has said it wants to continue receiving at least 70 per cent of the amount of U.S. defence aid Turkey receives. The powerful Greek lobby in Washington has been pressing the Reagan administration to maintain this level.

Injured Turkish envoy dies in Yugoslavia

BELGRADE (R) — Turkey's ambassador to Yugoslavia, Mr. Galip Balkar, died Friday of injuries received when two gunmen shot him from ambush in central Belgrade two days ago, the Turkish embassy said.

Mr. Balkar is the latest victim in a 10-year campaign by Armenian militants against diplomats and other Turks living abroad.

At least 25 people have been killed in the campaign which is in revenge for what the militants say was the massacre of 1.5 million

Armenians in eastern Turkey during World War I. Turkey denies the massacre charge.

In Wednesday's attack a Yugoslav student was killed while trying to prevent the attackers from escaping and a retired Yugoslav army colonel was seriously wounded in crossfire.

Yugoslav police said Thursday that both gunmen were under arrest. One of them was wounded in a gunbattle with security men following the attack.

Strauss to remain out of Kohl's cabinet

BONN (R) — West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl expects to be ready to name his new right-centre coalition cabinet by March 21 and it will almost certainly not include controversial right-wing leader Franz Josef Strauss, party sources said Friday.

Mr. Kohl, returned to power in the March 6 general election, is confident there will be agreement on broad policy directions by the three coalition partners before he goes to Brussels to preside over the European Community summit, they said.

Mr. Strauss, leader of the Bavarian-based Christian Social Union (CSU) which is allied with Mr. Kohl's Christian Democrats (CDU), has now virtually given up hope of the Foreign Minister's job he covets and is not interested in other cabinet posts, CSU Party sources said.

The mass-circulation newspaper Bild said this week that Mr. Strauss, 67, had decided to keep his power base in Bavaria where he is also state premier.

"I don't want to be number three in Bonn," he was quoted as telling aides, indicating that he has given up the power struggle with current Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher.

On nuclear disarmament

Mr. Kohl's newly re-elected government will make clear to the United States it gives high priority to nuclear disarmament, a West German minister was quoted Friday as saying.

Alois Mertes, minister of state at the Foreign Ministry, told the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung the outcome of last Sunday's gen-

Israelis say bid to storm Haram Al Shari foiled

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — Israeli security forces arrested 45 heavily-armed Jewish extremists Friday and foiled a bid by the group to storm Haram Al Shari and seize Muslim holy places, police said.

They said group members had intended barricading themselves in the area and building a symbolic settlement.

Police said the group was inspired by Rabbi Yisrael Ariel who last year was involved in nationalist resistance to the Israeli withdrawal from Sinai.

It included several regular soldiers and members of the violently anti-Arab Kaeh (Thus) Organisation.

The authorities had advance information about the group, Israeli newspapers said the Shin Beth Internal Security Service had been investigating it for several weeks.

A court has still to deliver its verdict in the case of a Alan Goodman, an American immigrant to Israel, who was barricaded himself on the Haram Al Shari last year and killed four people before being captured.

At his trial, he pleaded insanity. Police said the group involved in the latest incident intended penetrating the Haram Al Shari through an ancient underground tunnel.

But only 10 reached the tunnel entrance where security men were waiting for them.

The rest were trapped in Rabbi Ariel's house in the Jewish Quarter of the old city. They surrendered peacefully after police and anti-terror squads surrounded the building.

Police Commissioner Arie Ivryan met Muslim religious leaders Friday morning to tell them of the arrests and appeal for calm.

The old city was reported tense but quiet Friday as Muslims attended Friday prayers in the mosques.

Shamir: Talks reached important stage

WASHINGTON (R) — Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir arrived Friday for talks with U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz on withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon, saying negotiations had reached an important stage.

Officials of both countries cautioned against expectations that a breakthrough in the long drawn-out negotiations would be reached during the Washington meetings, scheduled for Sunday and Monday.

But Mr. Shamir told reporters in an airport statement: "Our negotiations with Lebanon in the last months have reached an important stage and we have felt it necessary to review them with the United States government in an effort to find maximum understanding and coordination."

Following Mr. Shamir into Washington this weekend will be Lebanese Foreign Minister Elie Salem. He was invited for talks with Mr. Shultz after the Israeli's

trip was arranged.

Mr. Shamir said there were no plans for him to meet Mr. Salem. When asked if he would welcome a chance of such a meeting, he said, "maybe."

Mr. Shamir said the United States shared the goal of early withdrawal from Lebanon of all foreign forces—Israeli, Syrian and Palestinian.

Both the U.S. and Israel, he said, wanted restoration of Lebanese sovereignty and a Lebanese border secure against commando attacks into Israel.

Mr. Shamir also said his talks would include bilateral U.S.-Israeli matters in addition to the Lebanon issue.

The meetings represent a new degree of U.S. involvement in the Lebanon talks which have been held alternately in Lebanon and Israel since January, with the participation of U.S. special envoy Philip Habib.

Mr. Shultz has up to now left

direct negotiations to Mr. Habib and U.S. Ambassador Morris Dwyer and has resisted suggestions that he fly to the Middle East. But there has been speculation that he might make such a trip later this month.

U.S. officials have been increasingly impatient over the slow pace of the negotiations on Lebanon.

Progress is seen as vital if President Reagan's six-month-old Middle East peace plan for Palestinian self-rule in the West Bank is to be kept alive.

The United States has been at odds with Israel demands for some sort of normalisation of relations with Lebanon as part of a withdrawal package, sympathising with Lebanon's view that this would isolate it in the Arab World.

It has also been insisting on total withdrawal of Israeli forces, ruling out Israeli proposals to maintain a presence in southern Lebanon to guard against infiltration.

18 feared killed in Venezuelan plane crash

CARACAS (R) — At least 18 people were killed when a Venezuelan Airliner crashed Friday on landing at Barquisimeto Airport, 320 kilometre West of Caracas, a civilian aviation spokesman said.

He said earlier radio reports that 40 people had been killed were exaggerated.

The plane, a DC-9 owned by Aerovias Venezolanas (Avenas),

was on a regular domestic flight from Caracas Maiquetia Airport with 45 passengers and five crew on board.

Radio reports said the plane crashed after the landing gear failed and that there was at least one explosion after it hit the runway.

German Lairret, a leftist congressman for the Socialist Movement to the Socialist Party who was aboard the plane, told rep-

orters that most of those who managed to survive the accident were in the front of the aircraft.

Mr. Lairret was one of three congressmen who survived the crash.

Radio reports said the pilot, Jose Alborno, escaped by leaping out of a window.

According to unofficial reports, one air hostess was killed and two others were injured.

U.S. poll doubts Israel's intentions for peace

WASHINGTON (USIA) — Many Americans doubt that the leaders of Israel sincerely want to be at peace with Arab nations, according to a Washington Post-ABC poll published March 6.

But, paradoxically, the poll found that the American public's sympathies for Israel have recovered somewhat from the drop that occurred after the massacre of Palestinians by Lebanese Christian forces in Beirut last September.

In the poll of 1,504 Americans conducted Feb. 25 to March 2, participants were asked: "Could you say the leaders of Israel sin-

cerely want to be at peace with the Arab nations or not?" Forty-four per cent said "No" while 38 per cent said "Yes" and 18 per cent had no opinion. When the same question was asked about leaders of the Arab nations, only 29 per cent thought they want peace while 52 per cent said they do not want peace and 19 per cent expressed no opinion.

The current poll showed 52 per cent of those questioned said their sympathies are more with Israel than with Arab nations. This was below the 55 per cent who supported Israel in a March 1982 poll, but up from 48 per cent in a poll

conducted shortly after the Beirut massacre last September. Only 16 per cent of respondents said their sympathies were more with the Arab nations, compared with 18 per cent a year ago and 27 per cent in September.

Another finding was that few Americans believe Ariel Sharon was punished sufficiently for his "indirect responsibility" for the Beirut massacre. The Israeli commission that investigated the massacre recommended that Sharon resign as defence minister or be fired. Sharon resigned but was kept as a cabinet minister without

portfolio.

Only 16 per cent of respondents to the Post-ABC poll viewed Sharon's punishment as about right or too severe. Forty-one per cent said it was not severe enough.

Another indication of the shift in support back to Israel showed up in another question asking whether Israel or Egypt was the better ally of the United States.

Forty-five per cent in the current said Israel was the better ally, while 28 per cent favoured Egypt. When the same question was asked in September, Egypt was favoured 46 to 36.

OPEC ministers face new obstacles

LONDON (R) — OPEC ministers ran into new obstacles Friday as they struggled to clinch an agreement setting themselves new oil production quotas, intended to limit an inevitable fall in world crude oil prices to around 15 per cent.

The 13 members of OPEC (the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries), meeting in response to the persistent glut in the market, were still wide apart on quotas, Oil Minister Mana Said Al Otaiba of the United Arab Emirates said.

Conference sources said competing output demands of Saudi Arabia, Iran and Venezuela were a problem.

The ministers failed to hold a scheduled full session of a three-day-old conference at noon GMT Friday and Dr. Otaiba told reporters it would not convene until the gap was narrowed in informal hotel suite buddies.

Venezuela's Humberto Calderon Berti said: "It is very difficult. I don't think it is possible to finalise today and we may continue tomorrow."

Conference sources say OPEC generally agrees it will have to make a tactical retreat on its benchmark or reference price, lowering this from \$34 now to \$29 a barrel.

But many market experts consider this still artificially high. They think the price could tumble to a "market clearing level" of \$20 to \$25, as cash-pinned sellers frantically undercut one another in an over-supplied buyers' market.

To have any prospect of holding the line at \$29, they say, OPEC must clinch an agreement that has eluded it at its last three conferences and pin all 13 members to agree, individual output quotas within an overall OPEC ceiling.

As in the past, there is general accord here that the overall ceiling should be around 17.5 million barrels daily.

That in itself measures how far OPEC's economic power has waned—in 1979 it pumped nearly 32 million barrels daily, before its market was eroded by recession and a rise in output by cut-price non-OPEC sellers like Britain and Mexico.

The squabbles now are over how to carve up the dwindled market, with Saudi Arabia, the biggest exporter, Iran, its ideological foe, and Venezuela, beset by debt problems, lodging quota demands that are proving difficult to accommodate, delegates said in the lobby.

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FEATURES

Jordanian handicapped prepare for International Olympics

By Andrew Gilmour
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Preparations are underway for Jordan's participation in the International Olympic games for the handicapped. The games, which are to be held in the Ludwig Guttman Sports Centre for the Disabled at Stoke Mandeville in England, will take place towards the end of this coming summer.

In many ways it reflects the personal campaign of Dr. Mohammed Khair Mamser, Dean of the Faculty of Physical Education at the University of Jordan, as well as the federation for sports for the handicapped, to encourage activities and facilities for disabled people.

1982 was the Year of the Disabled. Until now, there were no regular sporting programmes in

Jordan for the handicapped and it was thus decided to establish various committees. Qualified training is essential, and with the help of an expert from West Germany, Dr. Shule, a course lasting two weeks was given on this subject to sixty-four trainees, all of whom were volunteers.

Training was now available. Facilities, on the other hand, were still lacking and, during the last university vacation in January 1983, Dr. Mamser invited 120 handicapped children to visit and use the equipment belonging to the faculty. The boys and girls were divided into four categories: those suffering from mental disorders, the deaf, the blind and those physically disabled using wheelchairs. The children came from the thirty-two institutes and schools for the handicapped in Jordan, such as Al Hussein Society for Paraplegic Care. The

games played were gymnastics, athletics, table tennis, weight lifting, indoor soccer and various recreational activities. It is hoped that these meetings will take place in every university vacation from now on. Dr. Mamser told the Jordan Times.

There is a competitive side to the meetings, with teams and competitions for sports like archery, volleyball and wheelchair basketball, but Dr. Mamser is much more interested in stressing the recreational aspect, for "psychological and social purposes". The idea behind these activities is to allow several hundred handicapped people to live in a better emotional and physical condition, he said. They may produce one or two excellent athletes but this, said Dr. Mamser, is emphatically not intended to be the reason for the activities — simply a chance, desirable result.

Sports for the handicapped is a growing concern everywhere. An international conference held in the United States last November was attended by 137 experts, among them Dr. Mamser, from forty-five different countries.

Kuwait and Egypt, for instance, have clubs and centres for the handicapped, but Jordan is the first country in the Middle East to initiate organised sports programmes for them. The games recently held at the University were part of this programme, which is supervised by Mr. Hassan Khamis, coach of the national athletics team. The programme envisages a large increase in general cooperation and encouragement. The Ministry of Education has been asked to add activities for the disabled into the curriculum for community colleges. The request to the handicapped sports federation for the



Dr. Mohammad K. Mamser establishment of a special gymnasium has been granted and there has also been a general appeal to private sports club throughout Jordan to encourage handicapped people to participate in the sports. 1982 was the Year of the Disabled. Already in 1983 the ball seems to be starting to roll.

E. Germany can't afford to run S. Bahn

By Paul Bolding
Reuter

EAST BERLIN — Once the most efficient urban transport system in Europe, Berlin's S-Bahn railway is now more like a ghost train which East Germany says it can no longer afford to run.

The S-Bahn (for Stadt-Bahn or city rail) in the Berlin of the 1920s and 1930s brought residents of distant suburbs into the centre and around it on a circular line.

But with the system's purpose virtually gone since Communist East Germany built the wall around West Berlin in 1961, East Germany is pressing for early talks on one of the greatest anomalies of post-war Berlin — its running of the railway in the west of the city.

Under 10,000 passengers a day now brave its wooden seats and bone-shaking ride compared to

some 400,000 in pre-war days and the track has shrunk from 145 to 53 kilometres.

East German Transport Minister Otto Arndt, in an interview with West German television — a rare phenomenon in itself — said last week that East Germany could no longer bear the 1.5 billion marks (\$625 million) it has lost over 10 years in running the system for the West Berliners and wanted a quick start to negotiations.

The problem dates back to 1945 when the Soviet forces that took Berlin allowed the Deutsche Reichsbahn, now the East German railway, to carry on running the trains.

The three Western allies, Britain, France and the United States, accepted the arrangement at a time when no one foresaw the division of Germany and its once majestic capital as lasting.

The railway has a special place in the hearts of many Berliners. Most of the thousands who fled East Germany before the wall took the train to the Marienfelde refugee camp in the Western sector.

Even after the wall East Germans could use the S-Bahn to cross the city on non-stopping trains, their windows blanked out. But so many fled the Communist state by pulling the communication cord that East Germany built its own "line" looping West Berlin to the south.

Now lines lie idle in West Berlin and where the network still passes through East Berlin stations they are closed, heavily guarded and dimly-lit, ghostly places at night.

Among the complex issues to be resolved if the S-Bahn is handed to the West Berliners is who will run the tracks.

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HOME NEWS

Delhi summit informed of Israeli outrages against Islamic shrines

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The Bureau of the General Islamic Congress for Jerusalem in Amman has sent a message to the non-aligned conference in New Delhi detailing some of the outrages perpetrated against Islamic holy places.

The message outlined the harassment of Muslims going to pray in the Al Aqsa mosque, and especially the planting of explosives by Israeli extremists to wound visiting pilgrims.

The despatch, which was addressed to Mrs. Gandhi, the summit's president, also mentioned how much land belonging to the Islamic Trust on the West Bank had been "usurped" for the use of "Zionist" settlements.

The bureau also described how new Israeli immigrants are given every assistance by the state, while the indigenous Palestinians are denied their legitimate rights and privileges. It also accused the Israelis of seeking to uproot the local Arab inhabitants by methods con-

trary to human rights.

The bureau, which itself was deported from Jerusalem in 1967, called on the summit to "support the cause of the Palestinians" and help its people to "achieve its goals and to restore its rights".

The Council of Islamic Organisation and Societies in Jordan also added its voice to these calls by way of a cable to the summit. The council urged the summit to discuss Israel's behaviour and to roundly condemn its jeopardising of world peace.

First Jordanian national pharmaceutical conference to commence Saturday

AMMAN (Petra) — The first pharmaceutical conference, organised by the Jordanian Pharmacists Association (JPA), will begin Saturday under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent. Around 300 Jordanian pharmacists from both the public and private sectors will participate in the conference, which will be held at the Professional Association Complex.

JPA President Nizar Jardaneh in his capacity as chairman of the committee supervising the three-day conference, said in a press conference Thursday that the participants will discuss ways in which pharmacists can help in formulating a comprehensive health

insurance plan, which will hopefully soon be implemented in Jordan.

Mr. Jardaneh said the participants will listen to working papers on the French, Spanish and British experiences in health insurance implementation, and the way pharmacists can influence them. Other working papers will be presented on the health service, social security, and health insurance in Jordan and the role played by the pharmaceutical industry in health insurance. The resolutions which will be adopted by the conference will have a great impact on the role and future of the health professions in Jordan, he said.

ALO delegates pay visit to Jordan Valley

THE JORDAN VALLEY (Petra) — The chairmen and members of the delegations participating in the meetings of the 11th Arab Labour Organisation conference, currently being held in Amman, Friday visited the fourth Royal Mechanised Division. The divisional commander briefed the visitors on the division's tasks and duties.

They were also told about Al Kuramah battle, which halted the Israel advance in 1967, by the commander of one of the formations. They then visited the Martyrs Monument and placed a wreath on it. The delegations also visited the Dead Sea, the Prince Mobammad Bridge and the Jordan Valley Authority.



The 11th Arab Labour Organisation conference continues at the Amra Hotel Thursday (Petra photo)

ALO discusses proposal to expel Israel from membership of ILO

AMMAN (Petra) — The Kuwaiti delegate, Issa Yassin, Thursday called on the 11th Arab Labour Organisation (ALO) conference to pass a resolution expelling Israel from the International Labour Organisation (ILO). He also called for the standardisation of labour statistics and manpower planning, an improvement in employment conditions, and for the development methods to safeguard safety at work.

Lebanon's delegate Antoine Bisharah called on the Arab countries to support Lebanon in its efforts to regain full sovereignty over all its territory. Tunisia's delegate Al Tayyib Bakouch called for the recognition of trade union liberties in the Arab World for the

regulation of the transfer of Arab manpower within the Arab countries, and for a special status to be given to the Palestinian workers in view of their suffering at the hands of Israel. He also called for the development of legislation concerning working women.

Iraq's delegate Ahnaf Muh-yideen said the Arab World is facing a vicious Zionist onslaught, as well as a war on its eastern flank imposed by Iran on Iraq in order to stop Arab development and progress. He said Iraq has always shown its desire to reach a peaceful settlement with Iran, and responded positively with all Islamic and international initiatives to stop the war.

In its morning session, the conference reviewed the reports of the organisational committee and the committees representing the governments, businessmen and workers. The conference then decided to elect Abd Al Hasan Muslim, an Iraqi national, to the post of assistant-director-general of the ALO bureau after the post became vacant following the resignation of Dr. Akram Nash'at Ibrahim. Fadhil Mahmoud Ghari, secretary-general of the Iraqi workers trade unions federation, was elected to serve as a member of the board of the directors of the ALO, and Muhammad Al Sayyid of Jordan was elected as a member of the board of directors of the Arab institutes for labour education and research.

Zaben pledges APU support

AMMAN (Petra) — Telecommunications Minister Mohammad Addoub Al Zaben has said that the Jordanian government will continue its support for the Dubai-based Arab Postal Union (APU) to enable it to implement and develop its programme and activities in a number of fields.

Dr. Zaben was speaking during his Thursday meeting with APU Secretary-General Hussein Al Hamadani, who is currently visiting Jordan, for consultations on the activities and work of the APU on the Arab and international levels. Dr. Zaben said Jordan believes in the effective role which the APU is playing in coordinating postal services. It is particularly useful, he said, in giving advice and facilitating the exchange of administrative, technical and financial expertise among the member Arab countries, which can only lead to a general improvement in the standard of service provided.

Mr. Hamadani briefed Dr. Zaben on the APU activities over the last two years and its plans for the future which are mainly concentrated on expanding the training programmes for Arab postal employees. He said the Jordanian postal service is an example which should be used as a blueprint for other Arab postal administrations, especially with regards to the extension of postal services to country-side and desert areas.

Meanwhile, Telecommunications Ministry

Under-Secretary Mansour Ibn Tarif said the ministry is currently making an assessment of all the positive and negative attributes of the postal service in the country before initiating the implementation of an ambitious plan to boost these services.

Mr. Tarif was speaking at the end of a tour which included several post offices in the Zarqa district Thursday. During the visit he was briefed by the post office directors on the field problems obstructing the expansion of an efficient and speedy postal and telephone service, particularly in Al Sukhna and Al Dail areas. He also listened to requests seeking the modernisation of post office buildings and the expansion of the telephone networks. He said all problems relating to telephone provision would be resolved when the project to develop and modernise the telephone networks, currently being implemented by the Telecommunications Corporation, is completed. He said the ministry will increase the programmes for training post office employees to give them more administrative and technical experience.

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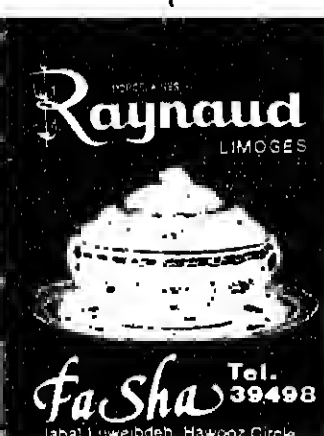
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Daoud details centre for handicapped

AMMAN (Petra) — The National Society for the Care of the Mentally Retarded (NSCMR) Thursday gave a charity dinner at the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel under the patronage of Her Highness Princess Basma, the honorary chairman of the NSCMR. NSCMR President Fawzi Daoud made a speech explaining that the NSCMR philosophy is based on providing the retarded children with the appropriate educational, social and environmental facilities.

He said one of the most important projects the NSCMR has implemented over the last four years was the centre for the training and education of mentally retarded children from the nursery stage through to the vocational level. The cost of the centre is JD 1 million, which is being paid for through a donation given by Mrs. Nazik Al Hatiri, and the project implementation has already begun, he stated. When complete it will have six functions: teaching, medical treatment, training, general advice, social services, and vocational training.

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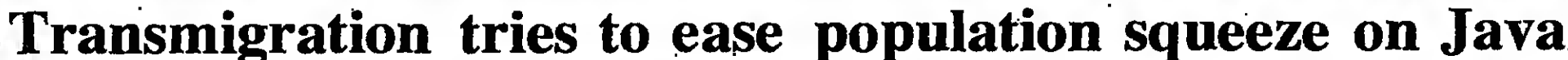
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Vibrant and creative cultures

This column is in some ways more intended for my own people than for readers in the Middle East. It is meant to say to them how distant the tight little world of American "high culture" has become from the vibrant and creative cultures of the rest of the world.

But the struggle is continuing, and one day Israelis will have only themselves to blame for a bitter and tormenting experience.

The diverse composition of the Non-Aligned Movement, as the King pointed out, should add to its strength in the face of common difficulties, instead of turning into insoluble hostilities that weaken the movements power. The non-aligned position should be a strong one that enables the member nations to preserve their national independence, develop their economies and enhance their peoples' interests.



But government officials say the scheme in its present form is unlikely to bring much relief to overcrowded Java. "Transmigration alone will never solve the problem," said an official. "The numbers leaving are only a trickle compared with the flood of babies born every year, not to mention the number of people flocking to Java from the outer islands."

Exploiting this ready-made situation, the revolutionary committees which provide the power of Qadhafi's regime held "spontaneous" demonstrations, in part by uniformed Libyan servicemen and women in Libyan towns and cities.



Mr. Cooley, a staff correspondent for ABC News based in London, is the author of *Libyan Sandstorm*, a new account of the Qadhafi era published in February. The above article is reprinted from the *Guardian*.

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Talking straight

By Marwan Muasher

Our black-and-white view of the world conceals reality



When I was a little kid, I, being no different than other kids, used to enjoy playing cowboys and indians, policemen and villains, good guys and bad guys. To us, back then, the cowboy represented everything that is good, and accordingly, he was not capable of doing anything but good. Similarly, the villain represented everything that is evil, and was capable only of evil. Things were simple, clear-cut. There was no continuous or even discrete spectrum, just good and bad, with nothing in between.

As we grew up, we started realising (I hope) that life is too complex to offer such simple and easy answers. Many times, though, I feel we are still caught in this good guys versus villains game. We tend to categorise and judge people as

belonging to two and only two groups: good and bad. We find it hard to understand if someone "good" commits something "bad". In such cases, we tend to justify the action. In other cases, where a "good" action is committed by a "bad" person, we tend to dismiss the action as an evil attempt by the person to deceive us into thinking he is "good".

The very perceptive Anthony Nutting, the former British politician and writer on Middle East affairs, once noted that Arabs view things in black and white, with no shades of grey. Take our TV shows, for example. The characters are always too well (or ill) defined as either good or bad. The "hero" seems more like someone who has descended directly from heaven, with direct moral sta-

tements being made by him or her every time he or she utters anything. He seems more of a preacher than just an ordinary person. The "bad guy", on the other hand, says and does nothing but evil in a very obvious, unimaginative, direct, and may I say, ineffective manner. And, of course, good always triumphs over evil in the end, no matter what.

On a more serious level, examine how we dealt with report by the Israeli Commission of Inquiry (Kahan Committee) into the Sabra and Shatila massacres. We dismissed it out of hand. Sometimes I wonder if we issued our verdict before the jury had met. Without completely standing by the report's findings, I nonetheless claim the report has some "shades of

grey". We, however, cannot understand how a nation, capable only of evil, can produce a commission of inquiry that criticises, however mildly, its own government. We therefore immediately dismiss the report as another attempt by Israel to improve its image in the world. Assuming that our claims have some elements of truth in them, we will still be making a grave mistake not to examine the report more closely.

It seems to me that because we labelled Israel as "bad", we moved to disassociate ourselves from everything that is Israeli, and in the process refrained from studying Israeli society and culture. As Rami Khouri pointed out in a recent article in the Jordan Times,

we do not understand the claim that Israel is a democracy, even though it might very well be one, however violent that democracy is.

Without going into this subject any further, I cannot help but comment that very few Arab writers seemed willing to address the question of why such commissions are not set up in our own countries, if we are as moral and "good" as we claim. It is neither wrong nor immoral to admit that sometimes, the Israelis are capable of good, and that sometimes we are capable of evil.

This particular outlook of ours on life could be due to the state of romance we live in — romance in the sense of not being realistic. Take the 1967 war. We let our

rhetoric and repetition and excellent use of words make us fully convinced that we were well prepared to triumph over Israel. Everyone knows what happened, though I am not sure we learnt much from the experience.

In this world of fantasy that we weaved around ourselves, heroes have to be glorified to the point where they become idols, and villains have to be ridiculed to the point where they become demons. For in the world of fantasy, our childhood, things transcend the realm of reality to assume an idealistic, absolute status. In the world of fantasy, shades of grey simply do not exist.

This world of fantasy has many times been a catalyst, if not a dir-

ect cause, in hiding the truth from us. But could it be that the cause might also be the consequence, and vice versa? That is to say, could it be that it is because the truth is obscured from us so many times that we tend to bring out right versus wrong so naively?

Could it be that because of our frustration that "right" is so many times suppressed that we tend to over-emphasise it, may be to assure ourselves that it still exists and will triumph in the end? Perhaps the problem is a combination of both. But I think that there is a strong need to view and deal with the world more realistically. It would be nice and easy if things were either black or white, but the fact is, most things come in shades of grey.

Rich Cubans who stayed say tranquillity makes up for lower living standards

By Colin McSevery

HAVANA — The ornate villas in Havana's once-exclusive seafaring suburbs stand in various states of disrepair, neglected reminders of the wealthy Cubans who fled Fidel Castro's revolution more than 20 years ago.

Most now house neighbourhood organisations or poor families who cannot afford to keep up the appearances of the fading pastel-coloured buildings. Other simply lie abandoned.

About 500,000 Cubans and countless millions of dollars left Cuba during the early 1960s — landowners, businessmen, doctors and professionals of all kinds who opposed Dr. Castro's state take-overs and sweeping reforms that

led to communism.

But not quite all the rich and highly-skilled bought one-way tickets to Miami or Latin America.

"Do you realise that we are the last two architects of our graduating class still living in Cuba?" said Vicente Lanz and Margot del Pozo, a middle-aged Havana couple.

Speaking in the spacious home they designed themselves just before the 1959 revolution, they told Reuters why they stayed behind while almost all their friends and colleagues left.

"Everyone, no matter how rich, was allowed to keep their possessions and the house they lived in, and though we were never active supporters of Fidel we soon realised that his reforms were best

for Cuba as a whole," Mr. Lanz said.

They, like most of their friends, initially thought Dr. Castro's takeover was the first step in a long line of "Cuban comic opera power struggles" and that his government would quickly end up as corrupt as the rest.

"It was when it became clear that Fidel actually intended sweeping away the old system we had known for so long that the trickle of emigrants turned into a flood," Mr. Lanz said.

"Around that time there were wild rumours that all the children would be sent to camps in Russia and though it was utter nonsense, many of our friends believed such talk," he said.

"We also received death threats through the mail from Miami, say-

ing that we would be killed come the counter-revolution if we did not leave," Mr. Lanz added.

The couple have little sympathy for the view that many Cubans left rather than live an austere existence in a country which permits no political opposition to the ruling Communist Party.

They also remained while around 120,000 discontented Cubans were permitted to leave for Miami in the so-called Mariel Sealift three years ago.

The Mariel boat-people were mainly manual workers and their families, disenchanted by the communist system and attracted by the promise of a better life across the Straits of Florida.

"Obviously there are still problems here, but nobody with any sense of social justice can say Cuba is not now a much better

country. You see no hungry children begging on the streets nowadays," said Mrs. Lanz.

"Under the old regime we would probably be wealthy enough to own a yacht, but so what? Here we have a relaxed, comfortable life without the drugs, culture, violence and racial discrimination that our former friends must put up with in Miami," her husband added.

The couple work on state projects such as hospitals and rural housing, they earn around \$500 a month each and are entitled to

free medical care and cheap works lunches.

Other formerly wealthy Cubans contacted by Reuters held similar views, though like most of the population they complained about the occasional shortages of particular foods and the often poor standard of the limited consumer goods available.

While many rich people still have access to their bank funds, money itself means much less in Cuba than in most countries because of state benefits and the poor choice of goods.

"Even if we took all our money out of the bank there would be little to spend it on. We have enough to eat, a car and a house big enough to split into apartments for my grown-up family," said an American woman who has lived in Havana since marrying a well-off local businessman almost 40 years ago.

An elderly woman, speaking in the lush garden of her ranch-type house, told Reuters: "Nobody ever bothers us despite our relative wealth and when looking around at the violence in Central

America or in the United States I think I am quite happy to be in Havana."

The tranquil atmosphere of this island of 10 million people was repeatedly cited as a great attraction to people who had the means to leave long ago.

The architects said they occasionally went to Miami and had seen former friends who could not believe they were only visiting.

"When they see us, they think we have finally come to our senses and left for good," Mr. Lanz laughed.



The "Mariel boat people", disenchanted with Cuba's communist regime, left in their hundreds for Florida

West boosts scientific research

By Ethan Branner

BRUSSELS — After a decade of neglect, Western governments on both sides of the Atlantic are planning to boost their support of scientific research in the hope it will provide a cure for chronic economic ills.

U.S. President Reagan has proposed a 17 per cent increase in funds for engineering and physics in 1984 — the first boost in more than ten years — and the European Community has a proposal before it to almost double expenditure on basic research.

The renewed interest in research, however, has a different slant from 20 years ago when society was happy to support scientific curiosity often for the sake of it, experts say. Today's emphasis is on revitalising industry to create jobs.

"Scientists were revered in the 1950s and 60s," Jean-Pierre Contzen, head of science policy for the European Community, told Reuters in an interview.

"They lost their appeal in the 70s as many promises went unfulfilled and the dangers of such projects as nuclear power and genetic engineering grabbed the imagination of the public. But today, in the sobering light of the

recession and the success of Japan, things have turned around again," he said.

Both the U.S. and the ten-nation Common Market are hoping new technologies will help secure them from Japanese imports and the problems that come with them — a decline in local industry and a rise in unemployment.

Science and industry officials of the Community states say a "technology gap" is yawning ever wider between the community and its major competitors, the U.S. and Japan, in computer science, biotechnology, the car industry, chemicals and materials. That is why money for research will increase.

George Keyworth, President Reagan's science advisor, told Science magazine in an interview that the administration's emphasis on physics and engineering was aimed at "overcoming years of 'relative neglect'."

Asked why in a budget proposal full of domestic spending cuts these areas should receive such a boost, he said it was important for high-technology industry and defence.

Mr. Keyworth said the government was also deeply concerned about the level of science education and this had led them to reverse planned cuts in science

teacher training funds. The 1984 budget proposal calls for \$70 million for such training.

In the European Community, the first proposal for a Community-wide scientific and technical strategy was presented recently to a meeting of research ministers where it was enthusiastically received.

It proposes a doubling of Community funds in basic research to \$3.75 billion and underlines the acute need to match scientific achievements of the United States and Japan.

The community's head of science policy, Mr. Contzen, who was actively involved in drafting the proposal, said the time was ripe for people to re-examine certain prejudices developed in the last decade about science.

He said studies by the Commission in the late 1970s showed strong public mistrust of uncontrolled research and a desire for greater political direction of the programmes.

One study, in 1979, said people were anxious about the risks involved for society and they also feared an increase in unemployment due to automation.

But Mr. Contzen says that the success of Japan's economy has changed that view, certainly in the minds of politicians and, he sus-

pects, in those of the public as well.

"I think people now realise that carefully planned research and technological innovation will not destroy jobs but will create them," he said.

The U.S. and Community support of research aims not only at revitalising industry but also at developing agricultural competitiveness, an issue which is currently the subject of a transatlantic row.

Both are major exporters of farm products — often competing for the same markets — and both would like to increase efficiency and create new agricultural products.

Partly towards this end, the U.S. government plans to build the national advanced materials research laboratory, a joint venture with industry, housing federal, industrial and university scientists.

The Europeans also have several cooperative ventures in the planning stage, particularly in the field of communications technology, allowing companies from different countries to research jointly.

Such cooperation is a relatively new aspect of science policy, experts say, and will contribute to more direct applications of the work.

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It will be fine, with light and variable
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SPORTS

Mandlikova, Navratilova clash in Dallas quarter-finals

DALLAS (R) — Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia overcame a tentative start to beat Kathy Horvath of the U.S. 7-5, 6-3 in the \$150,000 Dallas women's tennis tournament Thursday and qualified for a quarter-final match against Martina Navratilova, the world's number one player.

Navratilova, a native of Czechoslovakia who is now a U.S. citizen, crushed Kiyomura of the U.S. 6-3, 6-1.

In other second-round matches, Pam Shriver of the U.S. beat Wendy White of the U.S. 6-2, 6-2, and Sylvia Hanika of West Germany overpowered Laura Arraiza of Argentina 6-1, 6-1.

Mandlikova began sluggishly against Horvath, who took advantage of numerous unforced errors to run up a 5-1 lead in the first set.

The young Czechoslovak, who also had problems with her serve, had to overcome four set points at 5-3 on her own serve before finding her touch as she reeled off six games in a row for the set.

Mandlikova dropped her serve to open the second set, but broke back right away. Games then went with service until Mandlikova gained a service break to go 3-2 ahead, and she served out for the victory.

Second-ranked Chris Evert Lloyd of the U.S. plays Hanika, fourth-seeded Wendy Turnbull of Australia meets Bettina Bunge of West Germany, and third-seeded Shriver faces Jo Durie of Britain.

Brazilian government withholds support for World Cup bid

BRASILIA (R) — The Brazilian government, citing economic reasons, Friday vetoed attempts to bring the 1986 World Cup finals here to the country many see as soccer's true home.

A government statement said President Joao Figueiredo decided to withhold support from the bid put forward by the Brazilian Football Federation (CBF) for economic reasons.

This effectively killed the effort as football's international governing body, FIFA, insists governments underwrite the applications of their national soccer authorities. FIFA will now choose between Canada, Mexico and the United States.

Mr. Figueiredo was unwilling to spend funds destined for social works on the World Cup, the statement said, adding: "The current economic situation of the country recommends strict austerity in public spending."

Brazil, home of some of the world's most gifted and exciting soccer stars, is in the midst of a foreign exchange crisis over payments on its vast foreign debt and suffers inflation of more than 100 per cent as well as heavy unemployment.

The statement cast doubt on CBF forecasts that tourist revenue from the finals would more than pay expenses and added:

"The high cost of

tickets—estimated by the CBF at an average equivalent of five dollars—is incompatible with the purchasing power of the poorer classes."

The decision, taken on the advice of the chief economy minister Antonio Delfim Netto, was thought unlikely to be popular.

An opinion poll published by the newspaper Jornal do Brasil on Sunday said 60 per cent of Brazilians wanted the 1986 cup finals held here while 32 per cent did not.

The Brazilian government's decision comes in the middle of a severe foreign exchange crisis. With the largest foreign debt in the developing world, estimated unofficially at \$89 billion, Brazil recently succeeded in finalising a series of multi-billion dollar loan packages with the International Monetary Fund and commercial banks to avoid defaulting on the debt.

The government also devalued the cruzeiro by 23 per cent last month in a bid to raise exports and is attempting to introduce a tough wages law bringing an actual cut in the real wages of millions of workers.

Curren defeats Connors

BRUSSELS (R) — American Jimmy Connors was soundly beaten by South African Kevin Curren in a major upset at the Belgian indoor tennis championship here Thursday.

Curren, ranked 29th in the world, toppled number two Connors 6-2, 7-5, in a second round match.

The powerful South African broke Connors' serve in the fifth game to lead 3-2 and again in the seventh game to make it 5-2, serving three aces in the last game to clinch the set in 28 minutes.

Curren made the break at 4-3 in the second set but Connors came back to 5-5 before the South African broke serve in the following game and completed his victory.

Other results: Ivan Lendl (Czechoslovakia) beat Balazs Taroczy (Hungary) 6-3, 7-5.

Steven Denton (U.S.) beat Hank Pfister (U.S.) 6-4, 6-3.

WBC rejects Larry Holmes' 15-round request

MEXICO CITY (R) — Heavyweight champion Larry Holmes' request that his future title bouts be fought over 15 rounds has been rejected by the World Boxing Council (WBC), a statement said Friday.

The WBC said it could make no exception to its January ruling which placed a 12-round ceiling on elimination and championship fights for WBC titles.

The new policy, which came into effect on new years' day, is to protect boxers' health. The WBC said many fighters had suffered serious injuries out of fatigue in the final three rounds of scheduled 15-rounders.

Boat Race to go ahead as planned

LONDON (R) — One of Britain's oldest sporting events, the annual Boat Race between Oxford and Cambridge universities, will go ahead despite a row over the student status of an oarsman which threatened to scupper it.

The race, held since 1829, was threatened by a Cambridge boycott after Oxford included Boris Rankov, 28, a post-graduate with teaching responsibilities, in its team.

Cambridge said he was not a student and was ineligible, but they agreed Friday to go ahead after Oxford said it would consider eligibility rules after the April 2 race on the River Thames.

Italians win European basketball crown

PALMA, Majorca (R) — Scavolini Pesaro of Italy won the men's European Cup-winners basketball Cup for the first time here Wednesday night with a comfortable 111-99 victory over Asvel Villeurbanne of France.

Asvel Villeurbanne, somewhat fortunate to reach the final, were outclassed by the confident Italians, who were particularly strong in defence.

Formula One season begins with Brazilian Grand Prix

RIO DE JANEIRO (R) — The 1983 Formula One Championship beginning with the Brazilian Grand Prix on Sunday promises to be one of the most unpredictable for years.

Rule changes made during the closed season have radically changed Formula One cars and the question of how engineers and designers have coped will be answered in Rio de Janeiro.

The most fundamental change was a ban on aerodynamic "skirts", which created a road-hugging "ground effect", allowing drivers to reach unprecedented cornering speeds.

Much to the relief of the multi-million dollar sport's governing body, the International Motor Sport Federation (FISA), lap speeds look like being slower, at least initially, and the races perhaps safer.

The start of the Grand Prix season was delayed two months to give teams time to grapple with the problems of the new rules and come up with new designs.

And the fruits of their labour come under real scrutiny for the first time Friday when teams submit their cars for pre-race inspection.

Gradually over the last few days, the new cars have been making an appearance for unofficial practice runs.

The scrutineering could bring the unaccustomed tranquility in the sport to an abrupt end as rival teams protest about exactly what innovations conform to the new rules.

Following last year's Brazilian Grand Prix, FISA disqualified the winner, Brazil's Nelson Piquet, and second placed Finn Keke Rosberg, the eventual world champion, after protests that they raced under the official weight limit.

But once again, Rosberg, in the reliable Williams car, and Piquet, in the turbocharged Brabham, will be strong challengers on the 5.031 km circuit.

Frenchman Alain Prost of Renault, who was eventually given the Brazilian victory last year, and Rene Arnoux of Ferrari, will also be hard to beat.

Another favourite must be the apparently indestructible Niki Lauda, who underwent plastic surgery here in January on an eyelid badly burned when he crashed in the West German Grand Prix in 1976. The twice champion will be driving a McLaren.

Piquet, the local favourite and 1981 champion, will be driving a new Brabham that has a pointed, narrow nose, broad front sus-

pension and the driver seated further back.

The Toleman car, sporting a new twin aerofoil, drew first blood during the week when British driver Derek Warwick clocked the fastest lap of one minute 35.17 seconds in unofficial practice.

The flamboyant Lotus team are introducing some of the last work of founder Colin Chapman, one of the sport's greatest innovators, who died of a heart attack in December.

But Nigel Mansell has been practising with a computerised suspension system which, according to team manager Peter Warr, reacts to the unevenness of the road, while Italian team-mate Elio de Angelis will drive the new turbo-charged Lotus 93T.

Alfa Romeo has also joined the growing turbo club, while Ligier and McLaren should follow suit before the end of the 17-race season.

But sadly for Brazil, former World Champion Emerson Fittipaldi's team will not be racing on Sunday. He announced last month he had given up the struggle for sponsorship.

Practice is scheduled for Friday and Saturday with the race due to start on Sunday at 1330 local time (1630 GMT).

'Fast' Spencer in a hurry to the top of motor cycle world

LONDON (R) — 'Fast' Freddie Spencer is a young man in a hurry to the top.

And the stylish rider from Shreveport, Louisiana, could reach that target this year by winning the World 500 cc Motor Cycle Championship which opens in South Africa a week on Saturday.

The 22-year-old American romped into the reckoning last season—his first full term in Grand Prix racing—by finishing third in the title battle behind Italian Franco Uncini and New Zealander Graeme Crosby.

Not a bad debut by a youngster who had cut his racing teeth on the U.S. circuits and had little previous experience of the European tracks on which the series is largely decided.

Spencer reminded campaign-hardened veterans like Californian Kenny Roberts and Britain's Barry Sheene of his championship potential by completing a runaway Belgian Grand Prix victory at Francorchamps last July.

That initial success was followed up two months later when stylish Spencer led throughout the San Marino Grand Prix at Imola.

'Fast' Freddie was on his way.

Spencer's taste for further triumphs, coupled with a highly competitive bike, will serve him well this season.

He heads the four-bike Honda

team which again includes 1981 World Champion Marco Lucchinelli of Italy and former 350 cc title holder Takazumi Katayama of Japan, plus Britain's Ron Haslam, at last given the chance of a full Grand Prix season.

The Japanese manufacturer, winner of every world championship category except the one which carries most prestige—the 500 cc crown—badly want to remedy the situation. Hence the increase in strength from three to four riders and much development of their three cylinder two-stroke machine which produced such startling results with Spencer on board last season.

For good measure, Dutchman Boet van Dulmen is just one of several leading riders with a works-supported Honda.

Suzuki field Uncini, almost always in the frame last season and deservedly champion after his five Grand Prix wins, and California Randy Mamola who believes he should have claimed at least one world championship in his relatively short Grand Prix career.

Twice champion Sheene expects to be rewarded with a Suzuki works ride once he shows them he has regained his fitness following his awful crash during practice for the British Grand Prix at Silverstone.

The fact that he is able to start the season at all after suffering

major leg injuries is astonishing enough.

He said: "I don't expect to finish higher than about 10th in South Africa because I will be riding a standard bike. But if it is raining or really boiling hot then I reckon I can do better."

"I am hoping Suzuki will give me a full racing specification bike when I have proved my fitness and then I expect to contest the lead."

West German Anton Mang, winner of the 350 cc class last year—the category has been scrapped this season—will also tackle the 500 cc series on a Suzuki along with rated Italian Loris Reggiani.

But Mang, an outstanding rider on smaller-engined machinery, is not expected in South Africa, a world championship hosts for the first time, having suffered a knee injury while skiing.

Californian Kenny Roberts will again lead the Yamaha challenge in what he has said will be his last year of 500 cc racing.

Roberts, winner of three successive titles before making way for Lucchinelli and Uncini, has U.S. superbike champion Eddie Lawson as his team mate. It will be Lawson's first taste of Grand Prix action.

Crosby and South African Kork Ballington, who have both graced the sport for several seasons, have retired.

Magath deals further blow to West. Germany's European soccer hopes

BONN (R) — West German hopes of qualifying for the European Soccer Championships have been dealt a further blow by the refusal of Hamburg's Felix Magath to rejoin the national squad as their "playmaker".

West Germany have lost their last two matches, beginning their European Championship defence last November with a humiliating 1-0 Group Six defeat by Northern Ireland.

Their next European clash is against tiny Albania in Tirana on March 30. Defeat—unthinkable a few months ago—could put paid to West Germany's chance of a third European triumph.

Magath, 29, spent three hours discussing a comeback with national trainer Jupp Derwall earlier this week but said Thursday night he had backed down for fear of pressure for success his recall would exert.

Bayern Munich captain Paul Breitner, like Magath, quit the national side after last year's World Cup final in which West Germany were beaten 3-1 by Italy.

Hansi Mueller of Italy's Inter Milan, another candidate for the "playmaker" role, has been troubled by injury, so salvation would appear to lie with Bernd Schuster of Barcelona, the rebel now restored to the national squad after nearly two years self-imposed exile.

But Barcelona, despite a contract clause freeing Schuster for international matches, have said they need the player for an important domestic cup match against Athletic Bilbao.

West Germany have not won since the retirement of midfield maestroes Breitner and Magath. Their besting by Northern Ireland was followed last month by another 1-0 defeat by Portugal in a friendly.

Aston Villa seeking to lay another jinx in English F.A. Cup today

LONDON (R) — Aston Villa will be seeking to lay another jinx when they meet Arsenal on Saturday and earn a place in the English Football Association Cup (F.A.) semifinals for the first time for 23 years.

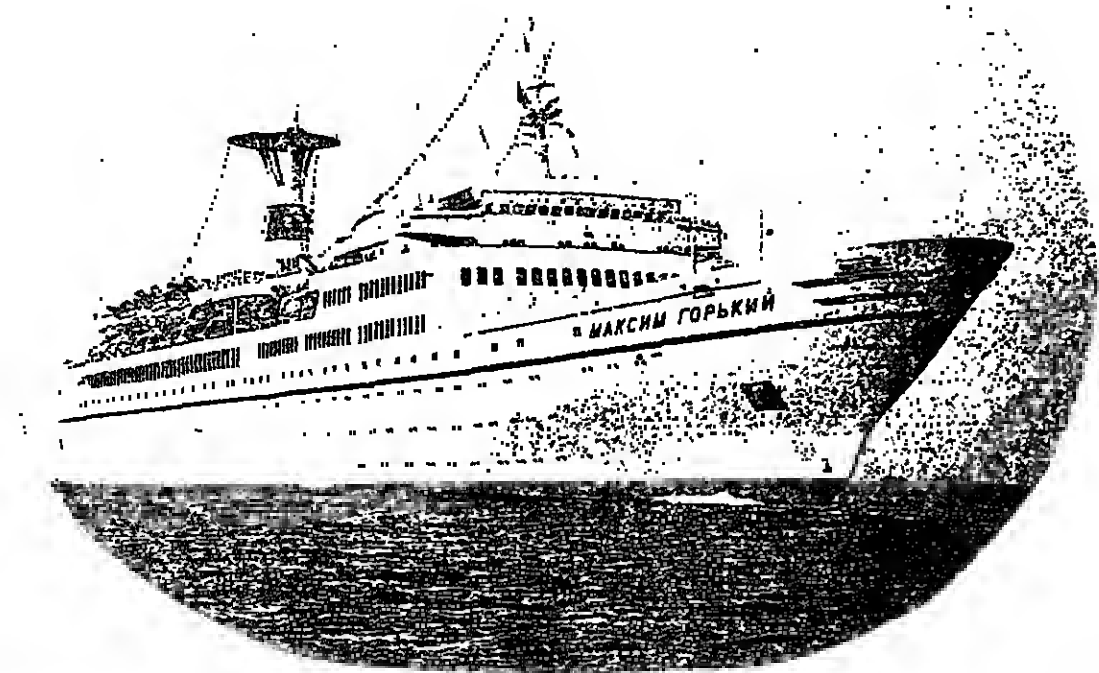
Villa beat their bogey side Notts County on Tuesday to move up to fourth place in the first division.

And Villa manager Tony Barton believes that victory could spur the European Champions to victory at Arsenal—a team they have beaten only twice since the early 1960s.

Barton is optimistic that defender Gary Williams and winger Tony Morley, who were injured in the European Cup quarter-final

first leg against Italy's Juventus eight days ago, will be fit.

Arsenal must decide whether to risk Ireland international centre back David O'Leary, who has missed five matches because of damaged ankle ligaments.



The largest Soviet passenger vessel visits Aqaba

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One of the best passenger ships employed in the cruise business, the turboelectrically powered vessel the "Maxim Gorky" which is owned by the Black Sea Shipping Company of the USSR, will call at the Port of Aqaba on March 13, 1983.

The passenger capacity of "Maxim Gorky" is 800 berths, the speed 22 knots.

The vessel has twelve decks, three restaurants, many bars and lounges, a wide-screen movie hall. Each cabin is furnished with a TV set receiving not only on-shore stations but also programmes of the ship's own TV centre. There are swimming pools, a library, shops, hairdresser's and barber's, games' rooms, a sauna with a swimming pool. The vessel is airconditioned and carries stabilizers.

Service on board Soviet liners is equal to that of the best of other flags. Soviet ships and crews, however, are known for their traditional 'Russian hospitality' which adds special charm to a voyage by sea.

Crews of Soviet passenger liners do their best to make a voyage happy and interesting. Master's cocktails, get-together parties, gala dinners and suppers, masquerade balls, games, tournaments and quizzes, lotteries, concerts given by professional artists and by amateurs from the crew, all serve to leave lasting memories of the voyage. Some people cannot believe that a performer is a seaman or a stewardess on the stage. Such concerts can only be enjoyed on board Soviet liners. If so desired passengers can go to classes

teaching Russian or take some training in how to play balalaika, for example.

There is free medical aid on Soviet ships.

Tax-free shops on board each vessel offer a big variety of goods—anything from national souvenirs to Russian furs and jewellery.

The commercial business and operation of the Soviet passenger fleet, both in the domestic trade and abroad, are managed by the Soviet passenger fleet agency V/O Morpasflot, whose counterparts abroad comprise over 40 firms and agencies in 35 countries in Europe, the Americas, Africa, Asia and Australia. More than 300 port agents attend to Soviet ships at ports throughout the world.

In Jordan, the general agent for all Soviet shipping companies, is the Red Sea Shipping Company.

Almost 700 tourists, travelling on board the "Maxim Gorky," will visit the unique historical sight of Jordan's ancient city Petra, and will also pay a visit to Wadi Ram as well as Aqaba itself.

The vessel will be visited by the Soviet ambassador to Jordan Mr. Rafik Nishanov and Mrs. Nishanova, plus other high ranking officials from the Soviet embassy.

A big reception is planned to be held by the captain of the vessel in honour of high-ranking Jordanian officials who have been invited on board by the Soviet ambassador.

The vessel will be open for broad excursions, during which the crew will show visitors the ship's latest technology and facilities.

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WORLD

Col. Gritz gets one-year suspended term in Thailand

NAKHON PHANOM, Thailand (R) — Ex-Green Beret commando James (Bo) Gritz, given a one-year suspended prison sentence for illegally possessing a powerful radio set, said Friday he would continue his private mission to rescue Americans he believes are still Prisoners of War (POW) in Indochina.

He told Reuters after hearing the sentence: "the work will not be finished until our prisoners are home."

Three other former U.S. soldiers and Lynn Standerwick, 25, daughter of an American pilot shot down over Laos in 1971, were also given one-year suspended terms. In addition, Gritz and four others were fined \$1,300 on the illegal possession charge.

The radio was said to have been used by the group during an abortive raid Gritz said he led into Laos last November in search of American prisoners.

It was found last month in a house used by Gritz and his colleagues in this northeastern Thai town near the frontier with Laos. Gritz's raid ended in failure after his squad of former commandos was ambushed by anti-Communist insurgents in Laos. One American commando was captured and later ransomed.

3 ex-Egyptian ministers linked to Sadat's brother

CAIRO (R) — An Egyptian court has demanded maximum punishment for three government ministers accused of involvement in a huge corruption network headed by the brother of the late President Anwar Sadat.

The demand was issued by the court of ethics, which last month sentenced 58-year-old Ismat Sadat and three of his sons to a year's detention for frauds alleged to have netted 125 million Egyptian pounds (\$150 million).

The three government members named in the statement were Supply Minister, Ahmed Nohi, Industry Minister Fuad Abu Zagha and Communications Minister, Soliman Metwalli Soliman.

All three were accused of sheathing swindles in the later days of

Bob Hawke sworn in as Australian prime minister

SYDNEY (R) — Former trade union boss Bob Hawke was sworn in Friday as prime minister of Australia, but indicated that his labour government might not be able initially to fulfil its election promises.

He told a radio interviewer that Labour had inherited an economic disaster, including a budget deficit estimated at 10 billion Australian dollars (\$11.6 billion).

He said he did not know how the deficit would affect promised tax cuts but "it will obviously restrict our ability to stimulate the Australian economy."

Mr. Hawke and his 27-member government, composed mostly of Labour moderates, won power on March 5 in a landslide election victory.

They swept out Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser, who had headed a Liberal-National Party coalition for the past seven years and is expected to retire from politics soon.

As Mr. Hawke was being sworn in, the Liberals were electing a new leader, one-time rebel Andrew Peacock, 44, a former foreign minister.

Mr. Fraser, 53, the second longest-serving prime minister in Australian history, resigned as Liberal leader after the election.

Mr. Hawke called a meeting of government ministers, union leaders and businessmen next month to discuss the economy and draw up a plan linking wage and price rises to combat inflation, now running at 11 per cent a year.

It will be a matter of enlightened self-interest," Mr. Hawke said. "If we are going to best take advantage of the resurgence of economic strength next year, we must act sensibly in 1983."

Mr. Hawke, 54, head of the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) in the 1970s, solved most labour disputes by getting all parties round a conference table and plans to run government in the same way.

Final votes were still being counted under a complicated preferential system but Labour, in power for only the second time in 34 years, was expected to have a 27-seat majority in the Lower House of Parliament.

His funeral was organised by the Moscow Institute of World Economy and International Relations, where he worked as an analyst of British foreign policy.

The U.S. diplomat was expelled from the Soviet Union.

MOSCOW (R) — The Soviet Union has expelled a United States diplomat on charges of spying after saying it caught him red-handed with secret communications equipment.

An announcement from the KGB security police said Richard Osborne, a first secretary in the U.S. embassy's economic section, had been declared persona non grata for "actions incompatible with diplomatic status."

A spokesman for the embassy confirmed Thursday that Mr. Osborne had been told to leave and said he and his wife Mary were packing and getting ready for their departure.

But he refused to comment on the KGB's charges and in Washington the State Department also declined to discuss the issue.

The brief KGB statement said Mr. Osborne had been caught red-handed on March 7 with portable radio equipment which could transmit information to U.S. "Marist" communications satellites.

Western diplomats said Mr. Osborne's expulsion did not appear to be an act of retaliation as no Soviet diplomats had been thrown out of the U.S. for more than a year.

Gen. Suharto re-elected

JAKARTA (R) — President Suharto was sworn in Friday for a further term of office but indicated that, after 17 years, his leadership of Indonesia was drawing to a close.

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The 920-member congress, which meets every five years, issued several "guidelines on state policy" but Gen. Suharto mentioned only one of them.

This was on the legal separation of politics and religion, which, according to officials close to him, the president sees as one of his last statutory tasks.

The congress said that all political parties must adhere to the secular state ideology of Pancasila. Its decision effectively disabled the Muslim opposition, in the world's most populous Muslim nation, by preventing it campaigning on religious grounds.

27 hurt in Japanese air crash

TOKYO (R) — A YS-11 aircraft crashed and broke in half on approach to Nakashibetsu Airport Friday injuring 27 of the 51 people aboard, police said.

The aircraft, carrying 47 passengers and a crew of four, was on a domestic flight from Sapporo, capital of Japan's northern island of Hokkaido, 300 kilometres to the west.

A police spokesman said four of the injured were in a serious condition.

He said the plane came down about 800 metres short of the runway, and the Japan Broadcasting Corporation (NHK) reported that it came to rest in a cove.

MacLean cremated in Moscow

MOSCOW (R) — The body of former British diplomat Donald MacLean, honoured by the Soviet state as a "faithful son and citizen", was cremated here Friday after a short civil ceremony.

MacLean, who spied for Moscow and fled to the Soviet Union in 1951, died on March 6 at the age of 69.

His death was announced to the Soviet public in the official newspaper Izvestia, which hailed "Donald Donaldovich MacLean" as a "man of high moral qualities, and a convinced Communist."

The Izvestia obituary, signed by "a group of comrades," made no direct reference to MacLean's career as a spy but said he "devoted all his conscious life to the high ideals of social progress and humanism, peace and international cooperation."

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A police spokesman said four of the injured were in a serious condition.

He said the plane came down about 800 metres short of the runway, and the Japan Broadcasting Corporation (NHK) reported that it came to rest in a cove.

Botswana hopes Nkomo will leave

GABORONE (R) — The Botswana government, clearly embarrassed by the unexpected presence of fugitive Zimbabwean opposition leader Joshua Nkomo, has said it is waiting to hear of his plans to move on.

The veteran nationalist fled Zimbabwe early this week saying Prime Minister Robert Mugabe was planning to have him killed — a charge the Zimbabwean government dismissed as rubbish.

"The next thing to happen here will be his departure," a Botswana official said.

The pro-government Herald newspaper in Harare has already accused Botswana of "declaring war" on Zimbabwe by admitting the "old bull elephant" of Matabeleland and Gaborone is clearly nervous about the possible impact on relations with Zimbabwe.

The British High Commission (embassy) in Gaborone declined to comment on where Mr. Nkomo might go next. The United States, the Soviet Union and other countries represented here joined Britain in saying they had no knowledge of his movements.

They said Mr. Nkomo had made no formal application for travel documents. The Zimbabwean authorities confiscated his passport last month as he tried to leave the country to address an international conference in Czechoslovakia.

A British spokesman said neither Mr. Nkomo or his aides had visited the High Commission or applied for a British visa.

But asked if any approach had been made on Mr. Nkomo's behalf, the spokesman said: "I can't comment any further."

Asked if the commission was involved in any talks on Mr. Nkomo's fate, he said: "No comment on that."

Asked if the British were involved in the affair in any way, he said: "No comment."

Usually reliable sources said the fugitive politician was staying in one of the government-owned guest houses near the presidential palace in the centre of the Botswana capital.

In Harare, investigations continued into the circumstances of his flight into exile and informed sources said his wife Joanna, daughter Thandiwe and son-in-law John Ndlovu had been picked up for questioning.

Mugabe unfustered

NEW DELHI (R) — Zimbabwe's Prime Minister Robert Mugabe Friday denied allegations by runaway opposition leader Joshua Nkomo that he wanted him killed.

"That's not true. I can assure you. I am not an assassin," Mr. Mugabe told a press conference in New Delhi, where he is attending the non-aligned summit.

"I don't know if he intends to stay in Botswana," Mr. Mugabe said. "He is welcome back home."

Asked why Mr. Nkomo's wife and other members of his family in Zimbabwe had been detained for questioning, Mr. Mugabe said: "I think those who arrested her and some members of his family will have reasons for doing so. People don't get arrested without reason."

'A spent force'

LONDON (R) — Former British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington, who engineered Zimbabwe's independence, said his opposition leader, Joshua Nkomo, was a disappointed man and a spent force.

He added: "Nobody wants to see the Marxists taking over... but there is a strong feeling the president is going too far and the whole situation is grossly overblown."

'Rebels are winning'

SAN SALVADOR (R) — El Salvador's former deputy defence minister said Thursday that the leftist guerrillas who captured him last June were winning the civil war.

Col. Francisco Adolfo Castillo was speaking on the guerrillas' Radio Venceremos a day after former insurgent commander Alejandro Montenegro appeared on government television to urge his old comrades in arms to lay down their weapons.

The colonel called on "honest" military men to seek reconciliation with the guerrillas.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Japanese professor disarms burglar

LONDON (R) — A would-be burglar who entered the hotel room of Saotoki Takahashi, a Japanese academic of slight build, left pleading for his life, London's central criminal court was told. Mr. Takahashi disarmed him of an iron bar, felled him with his fist and feet, broke his nose and frogmarched him to the hotel's security office where the man begged: "Get this madman off me." The alleged robber, 27-year-old William Chambers, denied a charge of burglary while armed with an offensive weapon when his trial opened Thursday. With the consent of the judge, Mr. Takahashi, 36, an English lecturer and karate black belt, demonstrated his technique by throwing his belligerent and gowned attorney off his feet in the courtroom.

4 Peruvians die in street violence

LIMA (R) — Peruvian police said Friday they had arrested four leaders of the trade union confederation that called a national strike during which four people died in street violence. A spokesman said there had been riots on the outskirts of Lima during the day and that the four deaths occurred when a policeman travelling on a bus opened fire at about 500 demonstrators who stoned the vehicle. The spokesman said 500 people had been arrested during the strike, including the four officials of the Communist-orientated general workers' confederation of Peru.

Queen Elizabeth to return home

VANCOUVER (R) — Queen Elizabeth returns home to Britain Friday after formally ending her 26-day visit to the Caribbean and North America at a glittering banquet given by Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau Thursday night. But she struck a sombre note by referring to the impact of the world recession on the countries she had visited. Wearing a royal blue velvet gown embroidered with sapphires and crystals and a diamond tiara with a large necklace of sapphires, the queen entered the banquet hall to the applause of the 400 guests. In an after-dinner speech, she spoke of the economic problems affecting the five countries on her tour—Jamaica, the Cayman Islands, Mexico, the United States and Canada. Elsewhere in her speech, Queen Elizabeth caused laughter when she said the royal yacht Britannia looked like a floating flowerpot—a reference to the way children have emerged from crowds in towns and cities to shower the queen with bouquets.

Shuttle flight put off till April

KENNEDY SPACE CENTRE, Florida (R) — The inaugural flight of the U.S. space shuttle, Challenger, originally set for late January, has been postponed until April because of a dust problem. Space agency officials said the target date for the start of the sixth shuttle mission had been pushed back again, from between March 26 and 31 to "no earlier" than the first week in April. The latest delay was caused by concern over the discovery of a layer of dust on Challenger's cargo—the first of three satellites which will comprise a new orbital communications system for the U.S. space agency.

Judge orders protest camp to be closed

LONDON (R) — A British judge has ordered the closure of a women's peace camp that has become a symbol for anti-nuclear campaigners across Western Europe. The camp is on public ground next to Greenham Common air base, west of London, which is due to be the first base in Europe to receive U.S. Cruise missiles. High Court judge David Croom-Johnson gave the local council for the area authority to evict 113 women who appeared in court Thursday and barred others from taking their places. The women, who have taken it in turns to live at the camp for the past 18 months, said they would defy the eviction order and return.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN

hearts.

Q.1—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠K7 ♠Q432 ♠AQJ ♠983
You are the dealer. What action do you take?
A.—While your hand counts to 13 points, we are not sure that it is worth an opening bid. The trouble is that most of your points are in your short suits, where they are not pulling their full weight. Suppose that you open one heart and partner responds two clubs—your options are all unpleasant. This hand is going nowhere unless partner can open. Pass.

Q.2—North-South vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠J65 ♠KJ1092 ♠75 ♠J94
The bidding has proceeded: North East South 1 NT 2 ♣ ?
What action do you take?
A.—It is true that your side certainly holds the balance of power, but what can you do? Any contract above two hearts could be hazardous unless partner has a good fit. And to double purely on point count risks presenting the opponents with a game they could not make otherwise—these days opponents have learned not to overcall on a broken long suit and little else. Pass. Partner still has a chance to contest the auction.

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠KQJ9853 ♠6 ♠5 ♠J1093
The bidding has proceeded: West North East South 1 ♣ Pass 1 NT ?
What action do you take?
A.—Some sort of preemptive bid is in order—it's just a question of whether you should bid three spades or four. We think that three spades is sufficient. You can't be sure that the opponents have a game, particularly since partner might have quite a good hand with

Q.4—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠AQ107 ♠AKJ984 ♠KQJ
The bidding has proceeded: South West North East 2 ♣ Pass 2 ♣ Pass ?
What do you bid now?
A.—Getting to slam is without question—it is simply a matter of whether you have a grand slam. You must prepare for a cue-bidding sequence to find out whether partner has the ace of diamonds rather than club values. The first stage is to set the trump suit. Raise to three spades.

Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠A982 ♠K765 ♠J10752
North East South West 1 ♣ 1 ♣ Pass 2 ♣ Double Pass ?
What action do you take?
A.—Don't convert the double to penalties by passing—you can't even be completely sure of defeating the contract. Partner has made a pretty strong bid, and you surely have game in one of the unbid suits, possibly even slam! The way to tell your partner how much your hand has improved is to start off with a cue-bid of three spades.

Q.6—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠1065 ♠A1098 ♠J7 ♠AQ105
The bidding has proceeded: North East South West 1 ♣ Pass 1 ♣ Pass 3 NT Pass ?
What action do you take?
A.—Partner's hand should be worth about 21 points, and your 11 put you on the borderline of a slam. The fact that you have two aces and a wealth of intermediates makes your hand considerably better than an 11-pointer made up of queens and jacks. Raise to four no trump. If partner has plus values, such as a five-card suit, he should feel free to contract for slam.

7 U.S. police officers charged with assault

DALLAS (R) — A New Orleans black told a court it took him a month to recover after white police officers beat him up during an investigation to find the killer of another white policeman.

"They stomped on my chest and stomach," Clarence Green, 31, said at the trial of seven white policemen accused of civil rights violations.

The charges have been filed by four blacks, while dozens more have complained they were intimidated and assaulted by police during the hunt for the killer of 23-year-old patrolman Gregory Neupert in New Orleans in November 1980.

Two suspects and two other blacks were killed during the search by police who said they opened fire in self-defence.

The trial has been shifted to Dallas because of intense publicity over the case in New Orleans.

Green, who filed the charges

Empress Zita reveals secret

VIENNA (R) — Austria's last empress said in an interview published Thursday that Crown Prince Rudolf, who died mysteriously in a hunting lodge in Mayerling in 1889, was murdered for political reasons.

The tragic love affair between 17-year-old Mary Vetsera and the 30-year-old prince, already married to a Belgian princess, rocked the devoutly Catholic Habsburg dynasty and has been portrayed in many plays and films seen by millions.

Former empress Zita, 90, told the Vienna daily Kronen Zeitung in Thursday's interview that Rudolf and Mary had not committed suicide, as officially announced, but were murdered in the lodge just outside Vienna.

Banished from Austria 64 years ago after the Habsburg monarchy collapsed in the debris of World War I, ex-empress Zita spoke at her home, a former Franciscan convent in the Swiss village of Zizers.

Looking frail in the black mourning dress she has worn since her husband ex-emperor Karl died in 1922, Zita said the imperial family had sworn to Rudolf's father, emperor Franz Josef, never to reveal the truth of the murders.

She did not name the assassins or specify their motives, but said she would make known documents at a future date.

Rudolf, only son of Franz Josef and empress Elisabeth, was himself later stabbed to death by an anarchist in Geneva, has been depicted by historians as a young rebel. His death has been a constant source of speculation.

Rudolf was succeeded as heir by Archduke Franz Ferdinand, whose assassination at Sarajevo in 1914 sparked off World War I, ending in the disintegration of the Austro-Hungarian empire and the exiling of the imperial family from Vienna.

'Mr. Untouchable' turns informer

NEW YORK (R) — "Mr. Untouchable," one of the biggest heroin dealers in U.S. history, has turned informer and provided evidence leading to the arrest of eight former top associates on murder-conspiracy charges, officials said.

U.S. attorney John Martin said Thursday that thanks to information given by drug dealer Leroy Barnes the eight men had been arrested for plotting four underworld killings in the 1970s and leading a heroin distribution ring called "the council."

Barnes, 50, is now serving a life term in jail. He hoped to win a presidential pardon by turning state's evidence, Mr. Martin said.

The tall, elegantly-dressed black man operated a Harlem drug ring that for two decades until his imprisonment in 1978 dumped \$1 million worth of heroin and cocaine into eastern U.S. cities every month.

Called "Mr. Untouchable" and "bad, bad Leroy," he was once alleged to have offered \$1 million bribe to a New York policeman.

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